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TO : CIA Task Force
 FROM : The Review Staff, Walter Elder
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The attached request is for more information on the Agency and IC budgets.

Comments:

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STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 91TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 10, 1975

The Hon. William E. Colby
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REVIEW STAFF

75-3227

Dear Mr. Colby:

One of the key considerations of this Committee in our review of CIA budgetary practices is the extent to which the Agency has provided the Congress with data evaluating the utility of CIA programs.

As we proceed with the Committee's inquiry, we have been impressed with the able and earnest efforts of your Comptroller and supporting Directorate staffs to improve the Agency's program evaluation tools. We note the emphasis upon program evaluation and objectives management in the CIA's annual Program Call. For example, in a copy of the latest Call provided to our Committee, CIA Directorates are reminded that, "Precise statements of purposes, results to be achieved, monitoring, and evaluation should be integral parts of program planning budgeting, and execution." (page 3). This guidance corresponds with the requirement in OMB Circular A-11 that Federal agency budget submissions "be particularly informative in describing agency programs in terms of goals, objectives, and activities and in providing a measure of performance." (Sec. 36.1).

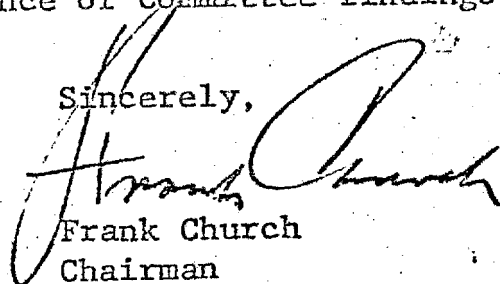
Nevertheless, in examining the CIA Congressional budget submission, which is the only formal documentation of your budget requests available so far to our Committee, there is very little of this evaluative kind of data. Before reaching any judgment in this matter, we wish to be sure that the Committee has not overlooked some types of data normally provided Congress in support of the CIA budget which do, in fact, meet the cited standards of budgetary justification. If the Agency has developed and submitted this kind of data in past budget justifications, but has not yet supplied copies to this Committee, we would like to have this material as soon as possible.

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In this connection, we also note that the same considerations and concerns apply to your development and presentation of a national intelligence budget for the Intelligence Community. In this case, however, the Committee still has not received a copy of each of these annual national budget submissions as requested on July 16. We take this occasion to underline the Committee's need for this material and any other materials developed to support this Community budget request.

The Committee hearings on the intelligence budget process are soon at hand. I am sure you will understand the need for a complete range of budget materials to help assure the accuracy and balance of Committee findings in this area.

Sincerely,



Frank Church
Chairman